

28 October 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Medal of Freedom

1. Confirming our telephone conversation of this date, this is to confirm that no further action will be taken by this office in connection with securing authority for the DCI to make the award of such medal. As you know, we had requested the Bureau of the Budget to have the President sign a memorandum authorizing the Director to award the Medal of Freedom. Subsequently, the Department of Justice indicated that in their opinion such a modification of the existing Executive Order necessarily must be accomplished by a further Executive Order.

2. The matter was discussed by me with the DCI on 22 October 1954, and it was his decision that no action should be taken at this time and suggested, if appropriate, the subject could be raised again in six months. Both the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of Justice have been advised that no further action is desired by the Agency at this time.

3. This office proposes to take no further action until there is a decision to go ahead.

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Acting General Counsel

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OGC/JSW:mm

2 - addressee

1 - OGC subject (Personnel 4-1, "Commendations & Awards")

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